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JUDGES AND THE ASSIZES

The Owen Sound Sun thinks we were rather severe on Justice Robertson in our article on this subject two weeks ago. This is not a case in which Justice Robertson is specially singled out. Year after year the same hardships exist in a greater or lesser degree, but the late occasion has emphasized it so strongly that The Advance considered it high time to enter a strong protest on behalf of the public. The manner in which this protest has been received shows that we were correct in our estimate of its importance. The Sun believes with us that the Assizes could be commenced on Monday. That would be a long step in the right direction and we hope it will be done. At the same time, why should the judge, as in the recent instance, close the business of the court on Friday night? The Sun says: "As a rule only one week is set apart for assize courts outside of the big cities, and if the docket is not finished when this period has elapsed, the judge must return and leave it unfinished, his time being laid out for him elsewhere." This is not quite correct, because a judge has it within his power to "make arrangements" to have his place supplied and can remain until the docket is cleared if he so chooses. Instance the Napanee bank robbery case now in progress. Since writing the article under discussion we have received a private communication from one of the most prominent lawyers in this county, endorsing in full what we said, and asserting that we "point out a serious grievance." He also believes the legal profession will not think we were too harsh in our strictures. Judges, however, are but human, and while some come prepared to facilitate and hurry up the business before them with energy and care, there are others who appear to be chronic dyspeptics and who grumble and growl and censure officials for fancied wrongs, and act the tyrant to such a degree that they are simply unbearable. We are informed of a recent case of this nature where a high official was actually betrayed into swearing a great round oath, although a bad word had not escaped his lips for the previous thirty years, owing to the absurd demands of a judge with whom nothing went right. Business before that court was impeded. As the Dundalk Herald truthfully points out, judges have been elevated beyond criticism, but if this whimsical and selfish spirit continues to develop in our judiciary it will be necessary to make their appointment elective or superannuate the offenders, at the same time presenting them with a brass medal on which is engraved the words, "Sic semper tyrannus." We quote below the opinions of a portion of our county press on this question. Were they all to speak we believe there would be practical unanimity.

From the Markdale Standard.

We are in full accord with what the Flesheron Advance said last week regarding the hardship experienced by many of those who have occasion to attend the Assize Courts in this county. The present arrangement seems to be that the Court shall only sit from Tues-

day till Saturday regardless of the number of cases on the docket. When there is a heavy docket as in the case of the recent assizes those who have not been heard, after being at the expense of waiting there several days, are told they may go home as time is up. This is indeed a real hardship and one that should be remedied.

From the Dundalk Herald.

The Flesheron Advance had a timely article on the pernicious habit of some judges in postponing cases fixed for that particular Assize Court, to another sitting at their own sweet will without any consideration of expense to unfortunate litigants. Dufferin county in this way was saddled with a large amount of unnecessary expense during the Hamilton perjury trial. Witnesses were brought long distances only to find that the case had been postponed. Last week a large number of witnesses were brought to Owen Sound on different cases but were coolly informed by the Judge that their presence was not required until the next Assizes. Not only that, but a large amount of money is sometimes in dispute, the loss of which for the time being to a successful litigant means a great deal. Then, again, the torture and uncertainty of delay hangs like a Damoclean sword over the unfortunate plaintiffs or defendants during the postponement. If there were any good reason for the postponement it would be a different matter. Usually a mere whim on the part of a judge is sufficient excuse. Not long ago a judge gave as the reason for postponement that "he wished to attend a family dinner!" It's a mighty fine thing to be a judge. There is a fat salary, with nothing to do but sit on the bench and look wise. Appointed for life, they are absolutely independent of public opinion. In fact they have been elevated beyond criticism. The critical shaft when launched at his Lordship must be drawn by a very skilful bowman or else the unlucky archer will find himself behind iron bars. This immunity from public criticism may be necessary for the protection of judges and the impartial administration of justice, but at the same time it puts the public completely at the mercy of selfish or thoughtlessly indifferent judges. It would seem from the numerous cases of this kind that have happened lately that there will have to be some way found whereby these gentlemen may be taught that they are mortal and in some measure amenable to public opinion. Instead of having to fight the divine rights of kings it looks as though we shall be called upon to fight the divine rights of judges. We don't believe our lawmakers ever intended to place these gentlemen on a pedestal so high that they cannot be reached by ordinary means. Extraordinary means have sometimes been used where ordinary means failed.

Obituary

Mr. Samuel Scott of Maxwell passed away in peaceful sleep on Monday morning, Nov. 21. He has been a sufferer from heart disease for the past two years. On Aug 15 he was stricken with apoplexy, followed by paralysis of the left half of his body, from which he was slowly recovering when two weeks ago he suffered a second, since which he has daily become weaker and passed away without pain in a calm sleep. The deceased was in his 71st year and was one of our oldest and most esteemed residents. For the last sixteen years he has been a resident of Osprey and always possessed the confidence and respect of the whole community. Mr. Scott comes of an old Irish family, his father, John Scott, having emigrated from the county of Monaghan, Ireland, to Canada in 1818, subsequently settling in the township of Hamilton, county of Northumberland, where he raised a family of five children, Samuel and Mary deceased, James of Deloraine, Manitoba; Thomas on the old homestead, near Bewdley, Ont., and Jane, now Mrs. Hardy, of Swinton Park, Fleton. Mr. Scott worked as a farm laborer for a number of years (8 years with one farmer) in the township of Whitechurch, where he married Mary a Foote. Being sober, economical and industrious, he soon saved enough to start on a rented farm in the township of Scott, where he resided 7 years. He then purchased a larger farm in Udora, in Georgian township, where he was very successful. Being possessed of a good education he soon took an active interest in the educational and municipal affairs of his township, being returned as a member of the municipal council for a number of years. As his family grew up he decided to come further west, settling at McIntyre in the county of Grey, where he purchased a valuable homestead of 300 acres, where the family are both prosperous and comfortable. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn a kind husband and loving father. The sons are: John, a physician at Maxwell; Thomas, the township clerk of Osprey, and Nelson, both residing on the homestead; Samuel, at Kamloops, B. C. The only daughter is Mrs. John Douglas of McIntyre. In politics the deceased was a Liberal-Conservative, being an ardent admirer and staunch supporter of his old chief, Mr. The deceased was for many years a devout member of the Presbyterian church, and was greatly comforted during his last sickness by a sincere faith in his Saviour. With true piety and Christian resignation, a few days before his death, he requested his pastor to administer to him the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. On Wednesday the remains were followed to Badgers cemetery by a large concourse of sympathizing friends and neighbors, where the Rev. Mr. Fleming preached an impressive sermon before performing the burial service.

AUCTION SALE

Valuable Farm Property and Chattels

There will be offered for sale by public auction on the premises described below on Tuesday, 6th day of December '98 at the hour of 1 o'clock in the afternoon the following valuable farm property, namely:—All and singular, lots 22, 23 and 24 in the 3rd concession south of the Durham road in the Township of Artemesia, containing two hundred and forty acres more or less, one hundred and forty acres cleared. Good soil and good locality. On the premises are said to be a comfortable dwelling and considerable valuable timber. The property will be sold subject to a mortgage now subsisting for \$2500 and interest. Terms, 20 per cent of purchase money (over and above mortgage) at time of sale; 30 per cent, additional on completion of purchase; balance in one year, secured by second mortgage at 6 per cent. Also at the same time by order of the executors of the late Dr. Chas. Robinson, Brampton, deceased, will be sold by public auction on the above premises the following farm stock produce implements and effects, namely:—3 horses, cow and heifer, waggon, plough, horse-rake, binder, harness, harrows and hayrack and a quantity of hay and turnips now on the said premises. Terms \$10 and under, cash; larger purchases on approved joint notes at 3 and 6 months. Dated this 17th day of November, A. D., 1898 JOHN SMITH, Auctioneer, Brampton

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The Great Money Lenders of THE NORTH. The prize number of their advertising circular distributed at the Faversham Fall Fair is 00150. The person having the number and presenting the sheet to Mr. W. H. Thurston, Editor of the Flesheron Advance, will be paid the sum of one dollar. Yes, and we will do more, we will lend money on good farm security at the rate of 4 per cent. This is a chance in a lifetime. Correspondence solicited.

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Boar for Service !!

Thoroughbred improved Yorkshire boar for service on lot 146, 2nd W. T. & S. R., Artemesia. Terms: One dollar. A reduction for two or more. Pedigree on application. J. H. LAWRENCE Flesheron Station, Nov. 7, 1898.

Farm to Rent !!

100 or 200 acres, lots 38 and 39, con. 9, Artemesia, good house and barns, possession any time. Apply personally or by letter to JONATHAN HICKLING Maxwell Nov. 7, 1898.

STRAYED

From the premises of the undersigned on Friday 7th inst. one red cow, medium size, rupture on right side. Any information as to her whereabouts will be thankfully received. JAS. FELSTEAD. Flesheron, Oct 10, '98.

STRAYED

Strayed from the premises of the undersigned, about three weeks ago, one Ayershire grade heifer, two years old, white star on forehead, horns peculiar shape. Information as to her whereabouts will be thankfully received by A. M. GIBSON, Flesheron. Flesheron, Oct. 13th '98.

Notice to The Public !

Notice is hereby given that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted in my name. All small debts owing me must be paid to myself without further delay, or they will be collected. G. ORR Artemesia, Oct 22nd, 1898

BOAR FOR SERVICE

The undersigned has a well bred boar, Tamworth-Chester cross, for service on lot 175, T & S. R., Artemesia. Terms 75 cents if paid at time of service, \$1 if not so paid. I have also the old Berkshire boar for service. G. ORR. Artemesia, Oct 22nd 1898

Came Astray

Came to the premises of the undersigned, about Oct 15th, two lambs. Owner is requested to prove property pay expenses and take them away. R. J. COLQUHETT Faversham Oct 22, '98

Boar for Service

The undersigned has a fine thoroughbred Berkshire boar "Artemesia Chief," No. 5111, for service on lot 37, con. 8 Artemesia. TERMS: 75 cents cash, \$1 if booked. JOHN J. BENSON, Prop.

STRAYED

From the premises of Mr. Jarvis Henry, better known as the Robert Blair farm, west back line, Artemesia, the latter part of August, a red and one most white with more red than white on neck, both rising two years old. Any person giving such information to Jarvis Henry Markdale, or the undersigned, as will lead to their recovery, will be suitably rewarded. NOBLE LAWRENCE Flesheron Station

STRAYED

Strayed from the premises of the undersigned, lot 32, con. 12, Artemesia, about August 1st, one ewe and lamb, the ewe marked "B." Anyone knowing of their whereabouts will oblige by communicating with THOS. BRADBURY Eugenia P.O.

BOAR for SALE

The registered Berkshire boar, "Crown Prince," two years old, sure stock getter and quiet. Certificate can be seen by applying to owner. W. MEADS, Pellyville.

M. Richardson & Co.

Cold Weather Special

Just a word about our advertisement this week—It deserves special attention—of course you'll notice the fact that every line mentioned is eminently suitable for the coming winter weather, but the points we want to emphasize are the specially low prices we ask for reliable goods.

Special in Men's Wear

- Men's Frieze Pea-jackets, double breasted, deep storm collar, wool-lined, half belt, patch pockets, special. \$ 3 50
Men's Extra Heavy Navy Blue Pilot-cloth Pea jackets, double breasted plaid lined. \$ 3 95
Heavy Tull Union flannels, greys and blues, extra heavy weights 28-inch goods. 20
Heavy, All-wool Flannels, twilled, greys and blues, special weights, 28-inch-goods. 25

FOOT-WEAR SPECIALS

- Men's Four Buckle, Felt Boots. \$ 1 95
Men's Four-buckle, Grain Felt Boots. \$ 2 00
Men's Grain Boots, Patent Fastener, Guaranteed solid stock, special. \$ 2 75
Men's Long Grain Felt, Patent Fastener, the best line for winter wear we have ever shown. \$ 3 75
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Grey Blankets, all wool, 58 x 76, 7 lbs., a leader. \$ 2 50
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